

Aldridge House
SM-679
East side Three Notch Road (MD 235)
California vicinity
Circa 1948
Private

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1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic

other Aldridge House

2. Location

street & number East side of Three Notch Road (S. of MD 4) not for publication

city, town California X vicinity

county St. Mary's

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Aldridge Ford, Incorporated

street & number P.O. Box 310 Great Mills Road telephone

city, town Lexington Park state and zip code MD 20653

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. St. Mary's County Courthouse tax map and parcel 34-69

city, town Leonardtown liber and folio MRB341/035

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- Contributing Resource in National Register District
 Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
 Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
 Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
 Recorded by HABS/HAER
 Historic Structure Report or Research report at MHT
 Other:

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count		
			Contributing	Noncontributing	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	<u> 1 </u>	<u> 1 </u> buildings
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/ culture	<u> 0 </u>	<u> 0 </u> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	<u> 0 </u>	<u> 0 </u> structures
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> social	<u> 0 </u>	<u> 0 </u> objects
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	<u> 1 </u>	<u> 1 </u> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress		
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> unknown		
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use		
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> other:		
				Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory	
				<u> 0 </u>	

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The residence on the east side of Three Notch Road (MD 235) approximately 600 feet south of MD 4 is located approximately 125 feet east of the road in an area characterized by mixed residential and commercial uses. Several mature trees and shrubs surround the house and a large one-story garage is situated southeast of the dwelling. A semi-circular gravel driveway is located on the west side of the property.

The 1.5-story rectangular brick building has wood clapboard siding in the north and south gable ends. The dwelling consists of a main block with a wing on the south end set slightly back from the main (west) elevation. The elbow has been filled in with a screen enclosed porch. A second screen enclosed porch is appended to the north end of the main block. The house has an asphalt shingle gable roof with two gable-roof dormers in the west slope of the main block and two gable dormers in the west slope of the ell. A continuous shed roof dormer is located on the east slope of the roof. The dormers are clad in wood clapboard siding. An interior brick chimney rises through the center of the main block. Windows throughout the house consist of six-over-one and eight-over-eight double-hung sash with brick lintels and sills.

The west, or main, elevation is three bays wide: a central entry that features pilasters and dentil molding is flanked by single eight-over-eight double-hung wood sash. The dormers in both the main block and the wing each have one six-over-one double-hung sash. The west elevation of the wing includes three six-over-one double-hung sash and a door, all protected by the enclosed screened porch. The south elevation of the main block includes a six-over-one window; the south elevation of the wing consists of a band of three six-over-one sash and a door flanked by single six-over-one windows, all covered with a metal awning. A six-over-one windows is located in the gable end. The east elevation of the main block consists of one eight-over-eight window and two six-over six windows; the south wing includes a door and two windows. The second story shed roof dormer contains one eight-over-eight and two six-over-one windows in the main block and three six-over-one windows and a small sliding window in the wing. The north elevation of the main block contains a central entry flanked by single eight-over-eight double-hung sash protected by a screen enclosed porch with a wood railing on the flat roof. The second story of the north elevation consists of a door in the east end and a six-over-one window in the west end.

A four-car concrete block garage clad in aluminum siding is situated southeast of the dwelling. The building has a cross-gable asphalt shingle roof and a frame shed roof addition on the west end.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
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Specific dates Circa 1948 **Builder/Architect** Unknown

Evaluation for:

National Register Maryland Register not evaluated

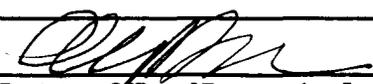
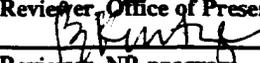
Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual).

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It is unlikely that historic or prehistoric archeological resources are preserved on this property. The extensive disturbance typically associated with construction during the last 50 years is likely to have displaced any archeological resources that may have been on this property. Similarly, commercial and residential development in the vicinity make the survival of archeological resources on adjacent properties unlikely.

Historical documentation does not indicate that this resource is associated with Criterion A, broad patterns of history or a significant event or Criterion B, an important person who contributed to local or state history. The property does not embody distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction nor does it represent the work of a master or possess high artistic value; therefore, Criterion C, architecture, does not apply. Lastly, the property is unlikely to yield information which contributes to our understanding of human history. As a result of recent modern development in the immediate area, the property lacks integrity of association, feeling and setting. The dwelling does not appear to have been subject to major exterior alterations and thus retains its integrity of design, materials, workmanship and location.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW	
Eligibility recommended <input type="checkbox"/>	Eligibility not recommended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Criteria: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D	Considerations: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G <input type="checkbox"/> None
Comments:	
 Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	9/29/98 Date
 Reviewer, NR program	11/10/98 Date

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Southern Maryland

Chronological/Developmental Period(s): Modern Period A.D. 1930 - Present

Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning

Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Urban

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Dwelling

Known Design Source: None

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Hammett, Regina Combs. History of St. Mary's County, Maryland, 1634-1990. Ridge, MD (privately published), 1991.
Hughes, Elizabeth. Final Report - St. Mary's County Historic Sites Survey. Valley Lee, St. George Island, Bay and Patuxent Districts. St. Mary's County Department of Planning and Zoning, 1995.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property 5.26 acres
Acreage surveyed 5.26 acres
Quadrangle name Hollywood, MD Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

Parcel 169, Map 34, Grid 17

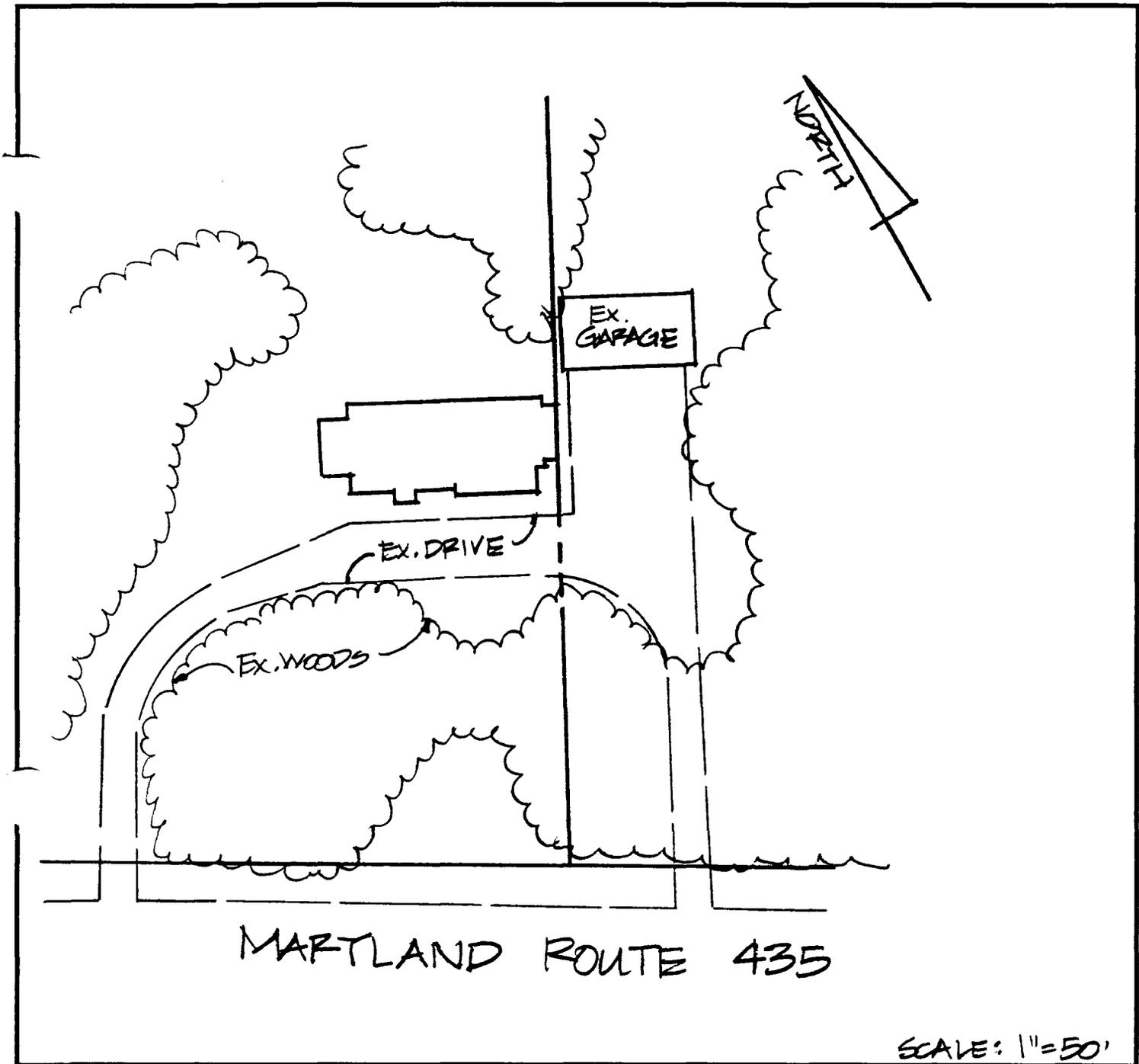
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The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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SCALE: 1" = 50'

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 Aldridge House, E. Side Three Notch Road
 California Vicinity, St. Mary's Co.
 Resource Sketch Map

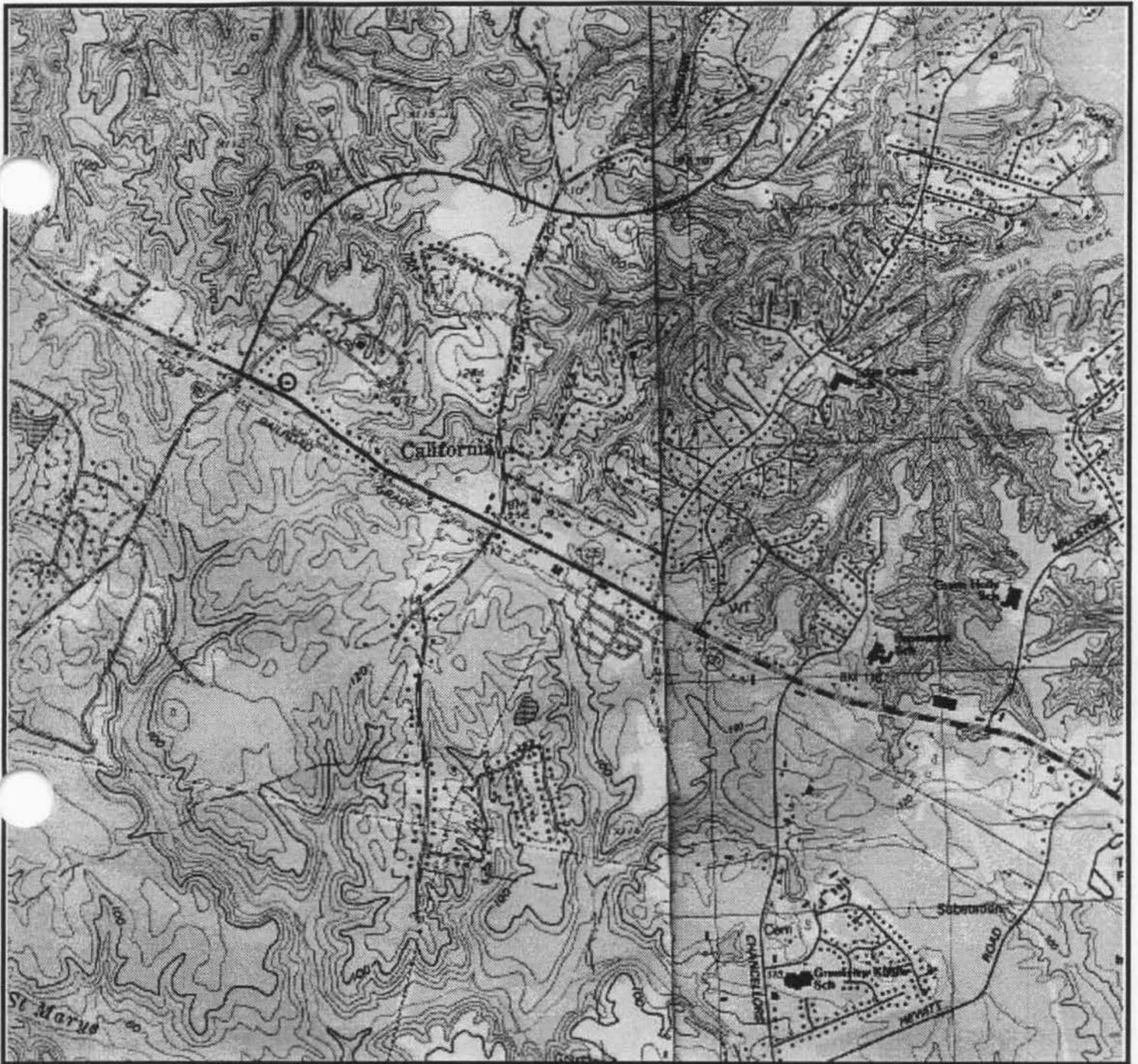


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 HUNT VALLEY, MD 21030
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Aldridge House, E. Side Three Notch Road
California Vicinity, St. Mary's Co.
Hollywood, MD USGS Quad
1963 (Rev. 1984); Solomons Is., MD 1987



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MID SHPO

W + S elev looking NE

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MD SHPO

E + N elev.

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MD SHPD

S + E elev.

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MS SHPO

W elev. of garage looking E

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